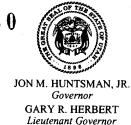
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Subject: Request for Concurrence on an Experimental Practice at Proposed Rilda

Canyon Facility, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine, C/015/0018, Outgoing

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The Experimental Practice at the proposed Rilda Canyon facility involves topsoil protection on steep slopes and over previously buried mine waste. The proposal will leave soil in-place beneath a subsoil stockpile. We believe the applicant has provided adequate plans for protecting topsoil resources which will accomplish the objectives of SMCRA and will result in better reclamation than would occur using conventional salvage and replacement techniques.

Please contact us if there is any other information that you need to evaluate this project. If you have any questions or need more information please contact me at (801) 538-5306 or Pamela Grubaugh-Littig at (801) 538-5268.

Sincerely,

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